

Memo for Record

March 29, 2001

Subject: RNDT Meeting

On 28 March 2001, several members of the Regional Navigation Design Team (RNDT) met for a dinner meeting while at the Workshop on Current Trends in the Engineering Design and Evaluation of Navigation Locks at WES. Those present were: Joe Kubinski, Bruce Riley, Gordon McClellan, Rick Schipp, John Gribar, Andy Harkness, John Clarkson, and Joe Keith.

All agreed that the workshop was excellent with great interchange of ideas on lock design and navigation structures. The accomplishments of the RNDT and the impact that the group has had on navigation design in the regional were noted at the workshop. The group's influence is significant especially in the area of innovation, networking among the Corps designers, and sharing designs among the Districts. Teamwork continues to be excellent.

Items covered at our dinner meeting were:

- 1.) Members were reminded to document cost savings on their projects by the end of March and furnish to Joe Keith. Also, please assist PMs with determining should be emphasized in upcoming construction due to the shortage of C.G. funds.
- 2.) Andy Harkness and group continues to work the issue concerning graving yards and the potential for the government to acquire the current ones for Braddock and Olmsted contacts for future work. They will prepare a recommendation to be reviewed by the RNDT and then submitted to the RMB for consideration. A decision needs to be made soon in order to realize any savings on future work.
- 3.) The group agreed that a subcommittee should be tasked to assemble costs on guard/guide wall options as well as other innovative costs so they can be shared and save time and dollars by not having to develop from scratch each time. Any volunteers?
- 4.) Again we highlight the redundancy of plans being furnished by our A/Es and that we need to not pay over and over for the same information. It appears that we are. Suggest District personnel get tougher during negotiations and maybe have other District member(s) who have already negotiated previous work orders participate. Rock Island member is currently working the A/E issue.
- 5.) John Clarkson is to activate our web site and consider linking to the WES INP site. This might be a great way to better share information. Also, innovation plans could be linked to actual construction photographs.
- 6.) The next regularly planned meeting will be sometime this summer, possibility at Pittsburgh during the moving of the first floating dam section.

Keep up the work. You all make a difference!

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